

The Revelation Of Christ And His Church

Revelation 1-3
"A Jet Tour Through The Book Of Revelation", Part 1
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I) PREPARING FOR TAKE OFF: SURVEYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1) Background and purpose. (Rev. 1:1-2, 9-11)

2) Interpretive views. a) Past (or "preterist") view: FULFILLED in 1st century, beginning in 70 A.D.

b) Historical continuous view: CHURCH HISTORY overview.

c) Idealist view: SYMBOLIC EVENTS depicting good and evil non-literally.

d) Futurist view: FUTURISTIC EVENTS (ch.4-22) describing end-of-the-age events.

3) An outline of Revelation. (Rev. 1:19) (past (Rev.1), present (Rev.2-3), future (Rev.4-22)) (see bookchart on back)

4) The promise for readers and followers of Revelation's message. (Rev. 1:3, 22:7)

II) TAKING OFF: THE REVELATION OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH (Rev. 1-3)

1) "The things which have occurred": Introducing Jesus Christ. (Rev. 1)

a) Greetings and introduction of Jesus Christ. (v. 4-8)

b) The seven churches = seven lampstands, seven stars = seven angels/messengers. (v.9-20)

2) "The things which are": The church age (then/historical & now/representative). (Rev. 2-3)

a) Ephesus: The LOVELESS church.

b) Smyrna: The PERSECUTED church.

c) Pergamum: The COMPROMISING church.

d) Thyatira: The CORRUPT church.

e) Sardis: The DEAD church.

f) Philadelphia: The FAITHFUL church.

g) Laodicea: The APOSTATE church.

FUTURE STUFF.....

3) "The Things Which Will Occur": The Prophetic Future (Rev. 4-22):

- a) The throne: A glimpse of heaven (Rev. 4):
- b) The book: Jesus Christ's right to rule (Rev. 5):
- c) The "seal" judgments: 4 horses of the apocalypse and the 7-year tribulation (Rev. 6):
- d) The 144,000: Jewish world evangelists (Rev. 7):
- e) The "trumpet" judgments: The *second half* of the 7-year tribulation (Rev. 8-9):
- f) Key figures in the 7-year tribulation (Rev. 10-14):
 - i) The mighty angel and the little scroll (Rev. 10):
 - ii) The two witnesses (Rev. 11):
 - iii) The woman and the dragon (Rev. 12):
 - iv) The beast out of the sea & out of the earth (Rev. 13):
 - v) The Lamb and the 144,000 (Rev. 14):
- g) The "bowl" judgments: The *last days* of the 7-year tribulation (Rev. 15-16):
- h) Babylon: The one world religion (Rev. 17) and government (Rev. 18):
- i) The "second coming": The events surrounding Christ's return to earth (Rev. 19):
- j) The "millennial kingdom": The reign of Christ on earth for 1000 years (Rev. 20):
- k) The "eternal state": The new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21-22):

III) APPLYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- 1) The book of Revelation ___INSPIRES US TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST___, not just prophecy facts.
- 2) The book of Revelation ___IS A CHURCH WAKE-UP CALL___ to live faithfully in a sin-sick world.
- 3) The book of Revelation ___INSTILLS THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADING LOST PEOPLE___ to Christ.

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